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Yes, my friends. The man refuses to give up, and thus you are reading Black Hole, a zine of postal Diplomacy published every third Saturday by Douglas Reif, 67 Grosvenor Rd., Pennmore, New York 14223. Subs are 7/\$1.00 and trades are quite welcome. All games are protected by DITYPA. And remember, you heard it here first.

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I have back issues available. Issues I currently have are 1-13 (surprise) and are available for postage. Now the games...

1971 I

Fall 1913

# THE DARK BLUE STAD THE LIGHT BLUE

There was an error in the adjudication of Spring 1913 moves for this game. What was listed as an English F Edi is really a dislodged English F Nth which couldn't retreat to Edi. It did retreat to Lon. Also the dislodged German A Mos retreated to Stn.

ENGLAND (Knowles): F Eng-Bre, F Lon-Eng Owns Bre, Ion (2) Even  
 FRANCE (Mendry): A Wal h, A Gas-Par, F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-Wes Owns Liv, Par, Por\* (3) Remove 1  
 GERMANY (Kelly): A Bur S ITALIAN A War, A Stp-Mos, A War S A Stp-Mos, A Liv & A Sil S A War, A Tyr-Vie, A Boh S A Tyr-Vie, F Nth-Bel, F Den-Nth, F Nrg-Cly Owns Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Swe, Stp (10) Even  
 ITALY (Bender): A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S A Ven, A War-Spa, F Lyo S A War-Spa, F Wes-Mid, F Tyr-Wes, F Adr-Apu Owns War, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven (7) Even  
 TURKEY (Phillips): A Sev & A Ukr S A Mos, A Mos H, A Rum & A Bud S A Gal, A Vie S A Gal, A Gal S A Vie, A Ser H, F Alb S F Aeg-Ion, F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyr Owns Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Vie, War (12) Build 1

The French F Spa(sc) is dislodged and must retreat to Por or OTB. The supply center listing assumes the former. If the French retreat F Spa(sc)-OTB then the French still have a removal to make but the Italians will retain Por and thus have a build. Clear? I thought not, but that's tough. Winter 1913 builds/removals are due immediately. Spring 1914 moves are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 5, 1975. They may be made conditional on the directions of the retreat, builds, removals, etc.

By the way, to quash a rumor Steve Bender is still in charge of Italy.

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In case you hadn't noticed, I have a very liberal subbing policy. If you place an order in a game receives the issues free of charge. If you place an order in a game, you will continue to receive BH. The

## TOURISTS MOB THE RIVERIA

AUSTRIA (Birdan): A Bud-Tri, A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rur, F Alb-Gre  
Owns Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie (5) Build 2  
ENGLAND (Hyatt): F Org-Bar, A Yor-Nwy, F Nth C A Yor-Iwy Owns  
Edi, Liv, Lor, Nwy (4) Build 1  
FRANCE (McDonough): F Mid-Por, A Bur-Mar, A Spa-Mar Owns Bre,  
Mar, Par, Por, Spa Build 2 (5)  
GERMANY (Zimmerman): A Ruh-Del, F Hol S A Ruh-Del, A Kie-Den Owns  
Del, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun Build 3 (6)  
GREECE (Papandrea): A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie, F Ion-Tun Owns Mar,  
Rom, Tun, Ven Build 1 (4)  
RUSSIA (McMullin): F Bot-Swe, A Mos-Sev, A Ukr-Rur, F Sev-Bla  
Owns Mos, Sev, Stp, Swe, War (5) Build 1  
TURKEY (McDonough): A Bul-Rur, F Ank-Bla, A Arr-Sev Owns Ank,  
Con, Rum, Smy (4) Build 1

Underlined moves fail. Since Steve Harvey failed to send moves for Germany Mark Zimmerman takes over play for that country. A thank you goes out to Roy Thomas for stand-by moves for Russia. Winter 1901 builds are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 5, 1975. I'm still working on a Boardman number so keep using the designation EPH 175.

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EPH 17: Press

Moscow: Rip your heart out baby!!!

Memore (MOHAIR): That's it? Two games and just one cheer press release? Just wait until one of you wants a favor.

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Equal Rights Dept.

A Federal judge said he was "outraged" to find that trustees of a \$5.75 million fund to promote sex equality in the world's largest bank were using the money to send women on African safaris and to French cooking schools. "I am absolutely flabbergasted," said U. S. District Judge Charles M. Penfrew. The program was set up by independent trustees to help women employees of the Bank of America achieve higher status positions.

Judge Penfrew told attorneys for the trustees to halt the practice of using funds for such things as Caribbean junkets. He cited the case of a \$2530 award to Eileen Katz to visit the wine countries of Europe and take a week-long cooking course at the Gordon Blue school in London. Another woman was granted \$1400 to go on a six-month tour of colonial America with stops at New York and Washington. Judge Penfrew said the women with the greatest ability and skill in filling out applications were awarded the "biggest" awards. "The very women you are trying to help are the ones who are the most qualified," he said.

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The codes mean: T- you are the game 1971-I; TFH- you are in the game TFI 175; T- we trade; C- you have a complimentary subscription; and a number indicates the issue that your sub expires. The deadline for this issue is a whopping 30.

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Only one player (Mark Zimmerman) has taken advantage of my offer of calling collect should your eyes not be received on time. If you are interested in avoiding WFR's this can help immensely (and all the mistypings come at the bottom of the letter where you can't easily correct them?). Just send along your phone number.

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The following names are listed in the order they appear in the list.

Bureaucrat at Work: Dept.

Jubal Hale admitted he's a bureaucrat with little to do. So he spends his working hours reading and listening to Beethoven in his office. Mr. Hale said it's not that he doesn't try to earn his \$10,693 a year salary as executive secretary of the Federal Metallic Non-Metallic Safety Board of Review. It's just that the board has never had anything to review in its four years.

Mr. Hale was contacted by a reporter after Rep. Ken Heckler (R-NJ) charged in a House Appropriations Subcommittee meeting that the board was "a totally useless, toothless and do-less government agency which has never earned its pay." Rep. Heckler called for the board to be abolished. Mr. Hale said he doubted any objections would come from his office if Congress did just that. "We have been extremely candid with Congress," Mr. Hale said. "Our annual reports are clear and concise. We have had no cases."

The five member board was set up to hear appeals from non-lead mine operators ordered to shut down by the Mining Enforcement & Safety Administration (MESA) as unsafe. A MESA spokesman expressed surprise that the board was still in operation. "I thought it had been abolished some time ago," he said.

There were 1993 closure orders last year but not one was appealed to Mr. Hale's board. Rep. Heckler said that mine operators have another avenue of appeal through the Interior secretary.

He described a trip to the board's offices last week. "The door was open, the telephone was off the hook, and nobody was around," said the congressman. "The coffee-making equipment was elaborated. A large stereo set was in the office with Beethoven records stacked high." Mr. Hale said he was visiting the Interior Department and his secretary was home sick when Rep. Heckler visited, so no one was running the office. He did not dispute Rep. Heckler's description. Buffalo Evening News May 13

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Play

It seems to me that it's been a long time since I last played the Pocket Armandia. Scott Rosenberg is the publisher as well as one of the four editors of this excellently reproduced zine. Scott has no games opened currently, but is desperately looking for subscribers at the rate of 3/\$2.00. Featured in the most recent issue is a controversy with Robert Sacks. Next issue is going to be a special poetry issue, with a rendering of Dante's Divine Comedy to be included. Scott solicits any poetry (humorous) you may have recently written. See the mailing list for Scott's address.

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Two mailing list updates: Robin Smith's gift cards through issue 16, not 23 as listed. Also, this will be Steve Harvey's last issue unless he subscribes.

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5/14/93

And now our literary department proudly presents...

# AMERICAN PIE

by Jen Jool

How many times have you said, "It's as American as apple pie," without realizing that it made you sound like an idiot? The reason people giggle up their sleeves when you use that expression is that apple pie is not really American at all! Thus you might as well say, "It's as American as sauerbraten mit kartoffelklossen." To atone for your former ignorance, you should memorize the following historical facts about apple pie, extracted from A. LaNode's monumental Histoire des Tartes a la Douce, Co La La (Ste. Vache, 1938). By quoting these passages at dinner parties you may even acquire the reputation of a gastronome.

Apple pie was invented by a Chinese emperor of the Sing Sing Dynasty (940-953 B.C.) to please his wife's dog, Fai-Do. This first pie was something of a mess, containing not only the flesh of the apples but also their skins, seeds, cores, stems, and bits of twigs and bark, as is still customary in New England. It is recorded that Fai-Do was pleased, and the new dish immediately caught on among the nobility, who named it "Bing-Bang Bzu" meaning "A-thousand-heavenly-delights-upon-the-admirable-inventor," or "Haven't-you-got-any-Jello-instead?"

The introduction of apple pie to the Occident is due to Marco Polo's nephew, Water Polo, who in the fourteenth century set out to discover Paraguay, took a wrong turn at Hog Island, and wound up in Shanghai. On reaching port Water Polo disembarked, politely made a port bow to the inhabitants, and inquired the way to the Port Authority. The perplexed Shanghaitees conveyed him to the Imperial Palace for an audience with the reigning emperor Chow Down. On being conducted into the imperial presence, Water Polo began a prepared oration in Spanish, extending lavish salutations to his Imperial Majesty from the Western world and hoping for improved trade relations between Italy and Paraguay. The emperor, who knew only a few Spanish phrases like "frijole" and "closs el windo," ordered the garrulous stranger decapitated. Fortunately for Polo, the emperor's daughter Lo Down interceded for him, and Chow Down not only rescinded his order but invited the visitor to a banquet, where Water Polo first encountered Bing-Bang Bzu. He immediately saw commercial prospects in the idea, since such desserts were unknown to Italy. A typical fourteenth-century Italian menu consisted of:

Appetizer . . . . .	Noodle soup.
Salad . . . . .	Macaroni salad.
Entree . . . . .	Ravioli with tomato sauce.
Main course . . . . .	Spaghetti with mushroom sauce.
Dessert . . . . .	Lasagna with whipped cream.

LoDo immediately set to work on the Emperor. "I'm not a ...," he began.



# BLACK HOLE SUPPLEMENT

Leave it to Ron Kelly to notice that I didn't specify 7:30 on 1971 I special notice. Rather than redo page 1 (which was already run off I have decided to add this supplement.

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FRANCE (Hendry): A Wal H, A Gas-Par, F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-Wes Owns Adv, Par, Por\* (3) Remove 1

GERMANY (Kelly): F Hrg-Cly, F Nth-Bel, F Den-Nth, A Bur-Par, A Tyr-Pie, A Boh-Tyr, A Sil-Tun, A Liv-War, A War-Sil Owns Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Zie, Tun, Hwy, Swe, Stp (10) Build 1

ITALY (Bender): A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S A Ven, A Mar-Spa, F Lro S A Mar-Spa, F Wes-Idi, F Tyr-Wes, F Adr-Apu Owns War, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven (7) Even

RUSSIA (Phillips): A Sev S A Mos, A Ukr & A Rum & A Vie S A Gal, A Mos & A Ser H, A Bud & A Gal S A Vie, F Alb S F Aeg-Ion, F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyr Owns Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Vie, War (12) Build 1

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You may have noticed that I did not list my phone number in the mailing list. That is because starting June 1 I will probably be completely unreachable for 3 months. Yet some of you will persist. To keep you people from bothering innocent bystanders, if you must call dial 716-831-1156 from midnight until 2 AM Mondays through Thursdays only. I give no guarantees that I will be there, though. Thanks.

P. S. It's getting very late and I have an 8 AM exam tomorrow.  
 AERRRRRRRRG!!!!